

BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT.

Annual Report

ON THE
HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1915,

BY

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TOGETHER WITH THE

Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors.

To the Chairman and Members
OF THE
Rural District Council of Biggleswade.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Gurney, and Gentlemen,—

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of your district for the year 1915.

Dr. Milburn and myself have acted as Deputy Medical Officers since the 1st January, 1915, in the absence of Dr. Wood, your Medical Officer of Health, who received a commission in the Sanitary Corps of the R.A.M.C.

My Colleague, Dr. Milburn, also left the district on January 1st, 1916, to take up a Commission in the R.A.M.C.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. WELSH.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR 1915.

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53,627
Population (Census 1911)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,934
Estimated Population, 1915	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,083
Density of Population	...	...	...	...	...	about 1 person to	2½ acres	
Number of Inhabited Houses (Census 1911)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,088
Average number of persons per house (Census 1911)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.3
Birth-Rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19.9
Death-Rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.5
Infantile Death-Rate per 1,000 births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87.2
Zymotic Death-Rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.74
Phthisis Death-Rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.29
Tuberculosis (all forms) Death-Rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.64
Cancer Death-Rate per 1,000 of population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.79
The Rateable Value in 1915 was	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£133,760
The Assessable Value in 1915 was	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£109,044
The Assessable Value (Special Expenses) was	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£73,323

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population.

The estimated population of the district for 1915 is 20,083. This figure has been prepared by the Registrar General and refers to the civil population only.

Births.

The net number of births assignable to the district during the past year was 401, being 203 males and 198 females. This is equal to a Birth-rate of 19.9 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 20.1, for the previous year. This is the lowest birth-rate on record.

The illegitimate births numbered 24, which is equal to nearly 6 per cent. of the total births.

Deaths.

413 deaths were registered; 138 of these occurred among persons not usually residing in the district; 37 deaths occurred in other parts of the country among persons usually resident in this district. The net number of deaths, therefore, belonging to this district is 312, which is equal to a Death-rate of 15.5 per 1000 of the population as compared with 10.2 for the year 1914.

Table III. on page 20 of this Report shows the number and causes of deaths at each age period.

The Institutional deaths occurred in the Three Counties Asylum.

Infant Mortality.

35 deaths occurred among children under 1 year of age, this is equal to a death-rate of 87.2 per 1000 births as compared with 76.5 for 1914 and 106.5 for 1913.

Table IV. at the end of the report shows all the causes of the Infant Mortality at different age periods.

The following shows the number of legitimate and illegitimate births and the number of deaths which occurred among the children:—

	Births.	Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths.
Legitimate	377	31	8.2
Illegitimate	24	4	16.6

Zymotic Death-rate.

There were 15 deaths from Zymotic Disease, viz.: Measles 5, Diarrhœa 4, Whooping Cough 3, Enteric Fever 1, Scarlet Fever 1, Diphtheria 1; this is equal to a death-rate of .74 per 1000 of the population as compared with a total of 7 deaths and a rate of .31 per 1000 for 1914.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply.

Of the 5,336 houses in the district (Census 1911) 4,084 are supplied with water through 1,776 services of the Biggleswade Rural District Council. The Table on page 6 sets out the details relating to each Parish. For this, and other information, I am indebted to Mr. Carne, A.M.I.M.E., the Water Board's Engineer. The majority of the other houses depend for their supply upon "shallow" wells.

During the year 16 samples of water from wells in various parts of the district have been analysed, and 8 were found to be polluted and unfit for drinking purposes.

Attention was drawn by Dr. Wood in his last Annual Report to the need of a satisfactory supply of water being provided for the parishes of Wrestlingworth, Eyeworth, and Dunton.

This matter was considered by the Water Supply Committee, but the scheme proposed, to carry the mains of the Biggleswade Water Board to these parishes, has been held over until after the termination of the war.

Scavenging.

The emptying of privies, earth closets, cesspools, and the removal of household ashes and refuse, is carried out by contract, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors in six parishes, viz.:—Arlesey, Henlow, Langford, Potton, Sandy and Shefford. A summary of the work done is set out on page 16 of this report.

Table showing the Parishes supplied by the Mains of the
Biggleswade Water Board.

	No. of Houses Census, 1911.	No. of Houses Supplied up to Dec.31st,1915	Increase during 1915.
Arlescy	550	441	5
Astwick	13	9	1
Blunham	162	102	5
Campton	108	95	2
Chicksands	10	2	—
Clifton	348	300	10
Cockayne Hatley	28	—	—
Dunton	112	—	—
Edworth	20	20	—
Everton	48	—	—
Eyeworth	30	—	—
Henlow	235	193	30
Langford	310	316	1
Meppershall	165	7	3
Mogerhanger	108	85	—
Northhill	318	301	1
Potton	527	427	16
Sandy	809	711	9
Shefford	210	214	6
Shefford Hardwicke	21	8	—
Southill	275	242	1
Stondon	16	—	—
Stotfold	488	410	17
Sutton	59	48	—
Tempsford	126	105	—
Warden	106	48	—
Wrestlingworth	134	—	—

HOUSING.

During the early part of the year 27 cottages at Sandy, commenced by your Council at the close of 1914, were completed.

These cottages comprise parlour, living-room, scullery and three bedrooms, and are let at a rental of 5/- weekly.

All the cottages were occupied at the close of the year.

Housing Inspection.

The following statement of the work done during 1915 under Section 17 of the Housing, Town Planning (etc.) Act, 1909, is set out in accordance with the Local Government Board's General Order of September 13th, 1910:

Number of dwelling-houses inspected	...	...	...	...	103
Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to the making of Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	15
Number of Closing Orders made	...	...	...	...	23
Number of dwelling-houses, the defects in which were remedied without the making of Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	161
Number of dwelling-houses which after the making of Closing Orders were put into a fit state for human habitation	...	...	...	...	3
Number of houses demolished after making Closing Orders, but without Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	...	2
Number of houses demolished after Order made by Council	...	...	...	...	2

FOOD AND MILK SUPPLY.

Milk Supply, Cowsheds, and Dairies.

There are 92 persons registered in the district as Cowkeepers, Dairy-men or Purveyors of milk.

Ten persons were registered during the year.

Slaughter Houses.

There are 26 on the Register, of which 10 are licensed annually. Generally speaking, they are kept in a satisfactory condition.

Food and Meat Inspection.

This is carried out for the whole Rural District by Mr. Robinson, the Inspector for the Southern Division, who holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, for Meat and Food Inspection. Details of the unsound food destroyed during the year will be found on page 15 of this report.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Small Pox Hospital.

This is situated in the Urban District. It is a corrugated iron building lined with match-board. It consists of 2 wards, each containing 6 beds. There is an administrative block and a small mortuary. A caretaker resides on the premises.

General Isolation Hospital.

This is a permanent building situated about one mile from Biggleswade. It consists of an Administrative Block, Scarlet Fever Block, Diphtheria Block, Typhoid Block, Laundry, Disinfection Block and a Mortuary. A modern Washington-Lyon Steam Disinfector is installed.

Accommodation, according to Local Government Board Regulations, is as follows:—

Scarlet Fever Block	.....	10 beds
Diphtheria	„	8 „
Typhoid	„	4 „

Total 22 „

Both Hospitals are managed by the Joint Hospital Board.

Table II, on page 18 shows the number of cases treated in the Hospital during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of cases of acute infectious diseases and the parishes in which they occurred will be found on page 19.

Scarlet Fever.

The epidemic of Scarlet Fever which occurred at Potton during last year continued until May this year, after which only two further cases were notified.

An outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred at Meppershall at the end of August and beginning of September, when 10 cases in all were notified. Several of the patients were desquamating at the time the outbreak was discovered, and it appeared evident that the disease had been spread owing to its mild character, the parents not having realised that the children were suffering from scarlet fever.

All precautions were immediately taken, and the outbreak terminated after the notification of 10 cases.

Diphtheria.

In the early part of the year an outbreak of diphtheria occurred in the neighbourhood of Shefford.

14 cases were notified, 8 of which resided in the parish of Shefford, and 6 just outside the parish boundary, and in the parishes of Clifton and Meppershall.

The disease was probably spread by a carrier case at the school where 13 of the patients attended.

The school was closed for a fortnight, during which time disinfection was carried out.

All the cases were of a mild character.

Vaccination.

The following particulars relating to vaccination have been supplied to me by Mr. Wagg, the Clerk to the Guardians.

Vaccinations for the year 1915:—

Under 1 year, 58. 1 year and upwards 6.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

59 "primary" and 23 "secondary" notifications were received during the year, and the cases were visited either by the Medical Officer of Health or the Sanitary Inspectors.

26 deaths from this disease occurred during the year.

Other Forms of Tuberculosis.

20 "primary" and 1 "secondary" were notified for the year, and the cases were visited.

7 deaths were recorded.

Disinfection was carried out at all the premises where deaths took place.

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The following is a list of schools closed during the year on account of the prevalence of epidemic disease:—

SCHOOL CLOSURES, 1915.

SCHOOL.	REASON FOR CLOSURE.	CLOSED FROM	UNTIL.
Sandy Council Infants	Whooping Cough {	Jan. 18th ..	Feb. 8th.
Sandy C.E. Infants.....	"	Feb. 15th ..	" 19th.
Shefford M. and Infants ..	"	" 10th ..	" 19th.
Wrestlingworth	Diphtheria.....	" 11th ..	" 26th.
Southill	Measles	Apl. 19th ..	May 21st.
" Broom.....	"	May 6th ..	June 3rd.
" Stanford.....	"	" 6th ..	May 21st.
"	"	" 25th ..	June 4th.
"	"	" 6th ..	May 21st.
"	"	" 25th ..	June 11th.
Stotfold Infants	"	" 13th ..	" 2nd.
" Girls	"	June 7th ..	" 18th.
Langford M. & Infants	"	May 18th ..	" 2nd.
Clifton Fields	"	June 7th ..	" 18th.
Shefford Infants	"	" 7th ..	July 2nd.
Meppershall	"	July 6th ..	Aug. 3rd.
Everton	Scarlet Fever	" 19th ..	" 2nd.
"	Measles	Sept. 13th ..	Oct. 4th.
"	"	Oct. 6th ..	Nov. 3rd.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

For depositing in a slaughter-house at Shefford for the purpose of sale certain meat which was unsound and unfit for food.

Defendant fined £5 and costs.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The following tables refer to the Sanitary Inspections, etc., of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces. They are in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office. Tables I. and II. are printed in full, but III. and IV. only so far as the particulars relate to this district:—

1.—INSPECTION. (Whole District).

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS.

PREMISES.	Number of				
	Inspections.		Written Notices.		Prosecutions.
	N.	S.	N.	S.	
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	6	6	..	..	..
Workshops and Workplaces (Including Workshop Laundries)	79	75	1	2	..
Total	85	81	1	2	

2.—DEFECTS FOUND. (Whole District).

PARTICULARS.	Number of Defects.					Referred to H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecutions
	Found.		Remedied.				
	N.	S.	N.	S.			
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts*—							
Want of cleanliness	1	1	..	1	..	..
Want of ventilation .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Overcrowding .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Want of drainage of floors ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Nuisances .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sanitary accommodation } insufficient .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
} unsuitable or defective .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
} not separate for sexes .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (S 101) —	..	..	..	..	..	..
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (97 to 100) .. ..	..	6	..	6	..	..
Other offences— (Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in part 3 of this Report)	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1	7	..	7	..	..

* Including those specified in the preceding column.

* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshops Act, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

N.—Northern Division.

S.—Southern Division.

3.—HOME WORK. (Whole District).

Nature of Work.	Outworkers' List, Section 107.				Number of Inspections of Outworkers' premises.
	Lists received from Emoloyers once in the Year.		Numbers of Addresses of Outworkers received from other Councils.	Numbers of Addresses of Outworkers forwarded. to other Councils.	
	Lists	Out-w'kers			
Wearing Apparel Making, etc.	1	1			4

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on Register (S 131) at the end of the year	Northern Division.	Southern Division.
Dressmakers and Milliners	4	7
Bootmakers	5	10
Bakers	12	21
Coachbuilders and Wheelwrights	3	4
Motor and Cycle Engineers	5	5
Carpenters and Joiners	7	10
Blacksmiths	11	13
Brickmaker	1	2
Tannery	1	..
Other Workshops	15	10
Total Number of Workshops on Register ...	64	82

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR. NORTHERN DIVISION, for the Year 1915.

J. OWEN JONES,
F.I.S.E., M. Inst. M. & Cy. E.

1915 Summary of Inspections.

Inspections made after complaints or for other special purposes	...	...	...	...	...	791
Re-Inspections after order or notice	...	...	...	...	...	411
Visits to supervise works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	318
„ in connection with Infectious Diseases, including Tubercular cases	..	...	...	...	...	188
Rooms Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	106
Visits to Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	...	83
„ „ Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	88
„ „ Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	81
„ „ Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	85
„ „ Petroleum Stores	...	...	...	...	...	25
„ „ Soldiers' Billets	...	...	...	...	...	117

246 Preliminary and 129 Statutory Notices have been served with respect to the following defects, viz. :—

Dirty ceilings and walls of rooms	...	...	...	...	7
Nuisance from dampness	...	...	...	...	21
Walls or ceilings in a dilapidated condition	...	...	...	...	40
Defective floors, roofs, or eaves guttering	...	...	...	...	63
Broken window frames or windows incapable of being opened	...	...	...	...	28
Defective or untrapped drains	...	...	...	...	47
Absence of drain	...	...	...	...	20
Closet accommodation, defective, insufficient or foul	...	...	...	...	51
Dustbins or ashpits defective or insufficient	...	...	...	...	49
Absence of proper yard paving	31
Houses without proper water supply	84
Miscellaneous	101

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HOUSING.

20 Houses were inspected and 70 repaired during the year, in the following parishes:—

Parish.	Inspected.	Repaired.	Demolished.
Sandy	9	25	—
Potton	7	26	—
Tempsford	—	4	—
Wrestlingworth	—	3	—
Blunham	—	4	—
Mogerhanger	1	8	3
Dunton	3	—	—
	—	—	—
	20	70	3

New Buildings.

Plans deposited and approved	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Buildings erected	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ Houses erected	...	...	...	...	12

Slaughter Houses.

Total Number 12. Registered 9. Licensed 3.

83 Inspections were made and 10 Notices were served for defects. In each case the work was carried out.

Water Supply.

4 samples of drinking water were taken for analysis, 3 of which were certified as being polluted with sewage and unfit for drinking purposes.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Number of persons registered as Cowkeepers and Dairymen
or Purveyors of Milk 41

Number of persons having discontinued business 7

88 visits were made and in 17 instances the conditions were found unsatisfactory and Notices were served.

Bakehouses.

There are 12 on the Register. 81 visits were made and 1 Notice was served.

Factories and Workhouses.

Number on Register 64, 85 visits were made.

Petroleum Acts.

There are 8 premises licensed for Storage of Petroleum Spirit. 25 visits were made.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR, SOUTHERN DIVISION, for the Year 1915.

C. M. ROBINSON, M.S.I.A.

Summary of Inspections.

Inspections under the Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	83
Inspections made after complaint or other special purpose	...	...	...	...	713
Inspections of Soldiers' Billets	...	...	...	...	99
Re-Inspections after Order or Notice	...	...	...	...	483
Visits to Works in progress	...	...	...	...	215
„ „ Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	42
„ „ Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	39
„ „ Slaughter-houses	...	...	...	...	159
„ „ Foodshops	...	...	...	...	284
„ „ Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	62
„ re Infectious Diseases, including Tubercular cases	...	...	...	...	230
„ to Petroleum Stores	...	...	...	...	21
Number of Rooms Disinfected after Infectious Disease or deaths from Tuberculosis	43
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152 Intimation and 100 Statutory Notices have been served with respect to the following Defects, viz.:—

Defective and Dirty Ceilings and Walls of Rooms	64
Defective House Roofs, Walls, Floors and Eaves Guttering	87
Defective Window Frames or Windows not made to open	48
Rooms Insufficiently Lighted or Ventilated	7
Absence of, or Defective Yard Paving	60
Nuisances arising from Dampness	13
Absence of proper Ash Receptacles	67
Absence of proper Water Supply	96
Defective Closet Accommodation	53
Overcrowding Dwelling-houses	2
Defective or Untrapped Drains	35
Absence of Drain	14
Dirty or unsatisfactory Cowsheds or Dairies	8
Miscellaneous Defects	27
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HOUSING.

The following table shows the work carried out under the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act:—

	Houses Inspected.	Houses Repaired.	Represented by M.O.H as Unfit.	Demolished.
Arlesey	30	18	7	—
Campton	—	—	—	2
Clifton	7	12	2	—
Henlow	9	11	—	—
Langford	6	14	—	—
Meppershall	—	5	—	—
Shefford	8	15	3	—
Southill	1	3	—	—
Stotfold	22	13	2	1
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Totals	83	91	14	3

New Buildings.

Plans deposited and approved	19
New dwelling-houses erected	5
Additions to existing dwelling-houses	4
Other buildings erected	3
Additions and alterations to existing buildings	4
New dwelling-houses in course of erection at end of year...	7
Farm buildings in course of erection at end of year	1

Slaughter Houses.

Number on Register (Southern District)	14
Licensed 7, Registered	7
Discontinued during the year	2
Number of inspections made (whole district)	159

Meat and Food Inspection.

284 visits have been paid to these premises, and as a result the following food was found to be diseased or unsound and destroyed:—

2 Forequarter's Beef.	}	Seized, and Magistrates' order obtained for destruction. Proceedings taken before Magistrates. Owner convicted and fined £5 and costs.
Hindquarter Beef.		
Ox spleen, head and lungs.		
Cow's udder.		
2 pairs sheep's lungs.		
1 sheep's liver.		

Carcase of immature calf.	}	Surrendered by owners and destroyed.
Breast and neck of mutton.		
6 pieces beef.		
2 pairs ox lungs, ox head.		
Carcase of pig.		
5 pieces of pork.		
2 pigs' heads.		
3 lbs. sausages.		
2 sheep's plucks.		

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Number of persons on Register	...	...	...	...	...	51
" " registered during the year	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " discontinued business	...	...	...	...	...	2
" " inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	62

In 18 instances, premises were found to be in an unsatisfactory condition, chiefly due to the want of cleansing.

In most cases the necessary work was carried out on the occupiers' attention being drawn to same.

Workshops and Bakehouses.

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	...	82
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	81
Premises found in a dirty condition	...	...	...	...	...	7

Water Supply.

12 samples of water were taken for analysis from wells supplying 36 houses. Five of these were certified as being polluted, and unfit for drinking purposes.

Public Scavenging Work.

This work is carried out in four parishes in the Southern District. Particulars of the work done will be found on page 16 of this report.

Petroleum Acts.

Number of premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit	...	...	...	...	...	9
New licenses granted during the year	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	21
Stores found in a defective condition	...	...	...	...	...	4

Summary of the Scavenging Work carried out for the Year 1915.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.											
PARISH.	DAY WORK.				NIGHT WORK.				Average Cost.		
	No. of Houses from which refuse was removed.	No. of Ashpits emptied.	No. of Ashboxes emptied.	No. of Loads removed.	No. of Houses from which refuse was removed.	No. of Privies emptied.	No. of Cesspools emptied.	No. of Pail Closets emptied.	No. of Loads removed	Per House.	Per Load.
Arlesey	17,527	27	10,503	219	26,040	38	94	25,792	526	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	3/5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Henlow	9,270	—	7,228	93	15,994	5	29	14,664	223	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	4/8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Langford	13,569	1	9,699	114	17,142	36	32	16,752	254	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	4/8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Shefford	8,477	1	7,311	133	13,129	17	8	15,169	218	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	4/0 $\frac{3}{4}$
NORTHERN DIVISION.											
Sandy	30,662	23	29,815	575	36,515	249	322	37,616	1,484	1d.	3/5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Potton	25,669	6	24,521	420	7,061	65	49	6,034	485	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	2/7 $\frac{1}{4}$

TABLE 1.—Vital Statistics of whole District during 1915 and previous Years.
Biggleswade Rural District.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Unrecorded Number	Nett.		Number	Rate	of Non-registered residents in the District.	of Residents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages.	
			Number	Rate					Number	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.	Number	Rate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1910	21356	495	—	23.1	309	14.4	65	19	34	68.6	252	11.8
1911	21984	494	495	22.5	348	15.8	98	25	42	84.9	275	12.5
1912	21974	485	489	22.2	364	16.5	98	32	43	87.8	298	13.5
1913	22010	459	460	20.9	359	16.3	110	33	49	106.5	282	12.8
1914	22045	438	444	20.1	327	14.8	126	24	34	76.5	225	10.2
1915	20083	399	401	19.9	413	20.5	138	37	35	87.2	312	15.5

Area of District in acres (land and in land water)	53,627	Total population at all ages.....21984	At Census 1911.
		Total families or separate occupiers .....5088	

TABLE II.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1915.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.								TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO *HOSPITAL.
	At all Ages	At Ages—Years.							
		Under 1	1 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 y'rs	15 and under 25 y'rs	25 and under 45 y'rs	45 and under 65 y'rs	65 and upw'ds	
Small pox									
Cholera (C) Plague (P)									
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup) ...	18	..	3	14	1	..	..	..	14
Erysipelas	22	..	2	..	2	4	9	5	
Scarlet fever	79	..	14	50	8	7	..	..	56
Typhus fever									
Enteric fever	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3
Relapsing Fever (R) ...									
Continued Fever (C) ...									
Puerperal fever	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis									
Poliomyelitis									
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	82	..	3	6	28	38	7	..	
Other forms of Tubercu- losis	21	2		6	3	6	4	..	
Totals	231	7	22	76	43	57	20	6	

*Biggleswade Isolation Hospital.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Total Cases notified in each Parish.

PARISH.	Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Scarlet Fever.	Enteric Fever.	Puerperal Fever.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Totals.
Arlesey ..	...	3	2	1	...	...	6
Blunham ...	...	...	9	1	1	...	11
Campton ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Clifton ...	3	...	4	...	...	...	7
Everton ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Eyeworth ..	..	1	..	...	...	...	1
Langford ..	...	1	6	...	...	...	7
Meppershall ..	4	...	10	...	...	..	14
Muggerhanger ..	..	...	1	...	...	...	1
Northhill ...	...	..	8	..	...	...	8
Potton ...	...	...	31	...	...	2	33
Sandy ...	1	12	5	1	...	2	21
Shefford ...	7	1	2	...	...	...	10
Stotfold ..	...	2	1	...	...	...	3
Tempsford ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Warden ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
	18	22	79	3	1	5	128

TABLE III.

Deaths registered during the calendar year 1915, classified by age and cause.

CAUSES OF DEATH.		Net Deaths at the Subjoined ages or "Residents" whether occurring within or without the District.									Total Deaths whether of 'Residents' or 'Non-residents' in Institutions in Dist't.
		All Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 2 Years.	2 and under 5 Years.	5 and under 15 Years.	15 and under 25 Years.	25 and under 45 Years.	45 and under 65 Years.	65 and upwards.	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All causes	Certified	305	34	10	4	11	14	34	57	141	138
	Uncertified	7	1		1					5	
1.	Enteric Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
2.	Small-pox										
3.	Measles	5	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
4.	Scarlet Fever	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
5.	Whooping Cough	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
6.	Diphtheria and Croup	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7.	Influenza	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..
8.	Erysipelas	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
9.	Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	26	..	..	..	1	5	14	5	1	19
10.	Tuberculous Meningitis	3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
11.	Other Tuberculous Diseases	4	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	11
12.	Cancer, malignant disease	36	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	17	5
13.	Rheumatic Fever	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..
14.	Meningitis	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
15.	Organic Heart Disease	22	..	..	..	1	..	2	5	14	27
16.	Bronchitis	28	3	1	..	..	..	..	3	21	1
17.	Pneumonia (all forms)	26	7	2	..	3	4	2	4	4	10
18.	Other diseases of respiratory organs ...	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..
19.	Diarrhœa and Enteritis	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20.	Appendicitis and Typhlitis										
21.	Cirrhosis of Liver	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..
21a.	Alcoholism										
22.	Nephritis and Bright's Disease	12	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	5	5
23.	Puerperal Fever	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
24.	Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
25.	Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26.	Violent Death, excluding Suicide	7	3	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1
27.	Snicide										
28.	Other Defined Diseases	95	3	..	2	2	2	5	10	71	58
29.	Diseases ill-defined or unknown	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	..
Totals		312	35	10	5	11	14	34	57	146	138

Table IV. Infant Mortality.

1915. Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks & under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 Year
All causes	Certified.	8	6	1	1	16	6	5	4	3	34
	Uncertified.	1				1					1
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Diphtheria and Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Convulsions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gastritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suffocation, overlying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Injury at birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atelectasis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	...	9	6	1	1	17	6	5	4	3	35

Nett Births registered during the calendar year: Legitimate 377; Illegitimate 24. Nett Deaths registered during the calendar year of: legitimate infants 31; illegitimate infants 4.

